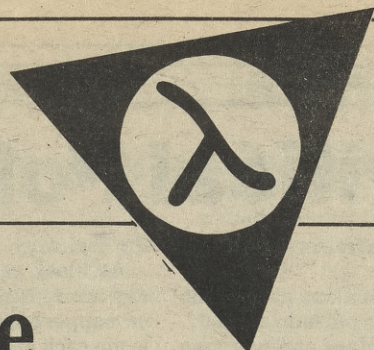


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Freedom Parade June 18

Sacramento's fifth annual Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week celebration will end June 18 with a parade through Lavender Heights.

The parade will step off at 6:30 p.m. at 20th and I streets and will continue up 20th Street to H Street, where it will turn east. The parade will continue down H Street to 26th Street and turn south. From 26th Street, the parade will turn west on Capitol Avenue. The parade will turn north off Capitol Avenue onto 20th Street, where the participants will assemble at the rally site, 20th and L streets.

Sacramento's "gay olympians," members of Sacramento Athletic Games Association, will lead the parade carrying the national and state flags as well as flags of the Freedom Week Committee. The parade will include several marching units, decorated cars and floats.

Grand marshalls for the parade are Lisa Katz and Boyce Hinman. Katz is a lobbyist for California National Organization for Women and former co-chair of Sacramento's No on 6 Campaign against the Briggs Initiative. Hinman is president of Advocates for Gay and Lesbian State Employees. He is currently suing to obtain dental benefits for his lover.

Allan Chamberlin has been named an honorary marshal in recognition of his suit against Frontier Airlines to obtain fare discounts for his lover.

The Freedom Week Committee is requesting all participants in the parade to gather at 20th and J Streets at 5:30 p.m. Each organization or business participating is also requested to supply two monitors for crowd control. Monitor training will be given at the assembly point, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Other events planned for the remainder of the week include Volleyball Night on Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Women's Gym at Sacramento City College. There is a \$2 donation requested for the event, which is sponsored by Our River City Family.

On Friday, June 17, the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation will have an open house at 2115 J Street, Suite 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. More information is available at 448-AIDS.

At 7:30 p.m. there is a potluck in Citrus Heights and a community forum in the Sacramento Com-

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Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

City of Sacramento

LESBIAN AND GAY FREEDOM WEEK
June 11-18, 1983

WHEREAS, the lesbian and gay people of Sacramento have chosen June 11-18, 1983 as a week to celebrate their own humanity and lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the lesbian and gay community has chosen to call its celebration "Coming Out '83" and will highlight the week's celebration with a parade through "Lavender Heights" on June 18, 1983; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all residents of this City to recognize the contributions made by all its citizens, regardless of lifestyle or belief; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Sacramento and the State of California overwhelmingly rejected a homophobic ballot initiative and reaffirmed their belief that alternative lifestyles should not be persecuted; and

WHEREAS, through Gay Vote '82, the lesbian and gay community registered more than 1,700 voters and encouraged gays and lesbians to exercise their civic duty by voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Burnett Miller, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim June 11-18, 1983, as LESBIAN AND GAY FREEDOM WEEK in this City; and Saturday, June 18, 1983, as "COMING OUT '83" DAY in this City.

ISSUED: This 8th day of June, 1983.



R. Burnett Miller
R. BURNETT MILLER
MAYOR

Two New Leads In AIDS Research May Help In Diagnosis

Two important new leads in AIDS research have broken into the headlines. A UCLA group, headed by Dr. Roger Detels, has identified a pre-AIDS condition, Acquired Immune Augmentation (AIA), and has concluded that it may be caused by self-infection.

Three other groups, Harvard's School of Public Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the French Pasteur Institute, have linked the Human T-cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV) to AIDS.

The data developed by the Detels group is not considered particularly striking. They showed that in 27 percent of 89 gay volunteers there is a white blood cell subset which resembles the helper/suppressor ratio found in AIDS patients. Two of the volunteers with the condition later developed full-blown AIDS.

The conclusions triggered the headlines. The doctors thought the agent causing AIA might be human semen from an active partner, a familiar idea, or that it might result from, "an agent in the feces of the passive partner, entering his circulatory system through breaks in the rectal mucosa that occur during Anal-genital intercourse."

It's the first time the possibility of self-infection causing AIDS has occurred in the literature. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta was able to confirm the data with its own studies, but was unable to confirm the conclusion.

A prompt objection to the theory was the observation that anal-genital intercourse has been going on in both the straight and gay communities for thousands of years before the AIDS outbreak.

Dr. Max Essex and his associates at Harvard found antibodies to HTLV, an indication of infection, in 25 percent to 40 percent of the 75 AIDS patients they studied, compared to a 1 percent in a control group of 75 gays not known to have the syndrome.

Dr. Robert Gallo, of the National Cancer Institute, generally recognized as the discoverer of HTLV, has isolated the virus from the T-cells of an AIDS patient, and found evidence of infection in two other patients. The same virus was also found by Dr. Luc Monganier of the Pasteur Institute in a pre-AIDS patient suffering from multiple infections.

Dr. James Curran of the CDC released a statement calling the new information important, but said it "certainly doesn't mean HTLV causes AIDS."

The problem lies in the fact that not all AIDS patients have HTLV, nor do all HTLV infections produce AIDS.

CDC studies show the virus in about a quarter of AIDS patients. There is a possibility that the tests aren't sensitive enough to detect the virus in more victims, but that's unprovable. It's also possible that AIDS may break down the antibodies of HTLV, or prevent their production, and therefore mask the disease.

HTLV is common in southern Japan, which

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NOW Will Join In Lobbying Congress— Commitment To Lesbian/Gay Rights

In a concerted effort to strengthen the voice of this nation's gay and lesbian citizens, the National Organization for Women (NOW) will join Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) in its lobbying program in Congress.

Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL, and Judy Goldsmith, President of NOW, agreed that NOW will focus attention on 12-15 designated members of Congress and will work closely with GRNL's lobbyists. In addition, NOW will mobilize its constituents to pressure their Congressional legislators prior to key votes on Capitol Hill.

NOW's lobbying efforts will cover a variety of concerns to the gay and lesbian community, including building co-sponsorship of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, increasing research funding for AIDS, and preventing the passage of anti-gay bills and

amendments.

Endean expressed optimism about this new arrangement, stating, "I am delighted to see that GRNL's solid relationship with NOW has led to more concrete efforts on behalf of lesbians and gay men. We must continue to work closely with allied organizations on issues of mutual concern."

Goldsmith echoed Endean's feelings and said, "NOW is pleased to be expanding our working relationship with the Gay Rights National Lobby as part of our ongoing commitment to lesbian and gay rights. In the present repressive political environment of the Reagan Administration, it is more critical than ever that we strengthen our alliance and work together to fight the intolerable discrimination against lesbians and gay men." ★

Right-To-Death Law Could Help Couples

The State Senate approved 32-2 a major change in California's "right-to-death" law May 27, to allow appointment of a person who would make health care decisions in the event of a patient's incapacity. The Associated Press reported.

The new bill would specifically expand the legal structure of a "durable power of attorney" to cover a person's appointing some other person to make health care decisions, if the one who made the appointment was unable to act because of a physical or mental condition.

The "attorney" would not have to be a lawyer, and could be a family member or other trusted person, according to Keene.

One effect of the bill would be to allow a gay or lesbian couple decide that one who was incurably ill and unable to make a decision on health care would be allowed to die. ★

OPINION

Rights Movement Is At A Critical Point

By STEVE ENDEAN
Executive Director, Gay Rights
National Lobby

We are at a critical point in the progress toward ensuring civil rights, human dignity and equal justice for lesbians and gay men in the United States. We must analyze where we've been, and what tools we need to utilize to reach our future goals. This open letter sets forth what I believe are some of the current challenges and what it will take to meet them.

In late 1978, there were two major issues on the Gay Rights National Lobby's agenda: co-sponsorship of the federal Gay Civil Rights Bills to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, etc., and the defeat of the anti-gay "McDonald Amendment" to exclude gays from the federal Legal Services program.

Today, the Lobby is working hard on both of these issues, *plus*: reform of the immigration laws, Congressional veto of D.C. sexual assault reform, and the defeat of anti-gay appointments to the Reagan Administration. GRNL is now turning substantial attention to securing adequate federal funding for research into the cause and cure of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Most people think the task of GRNL is what I call 'direct lobbying': talking with members of Congress to persuade them to vote in favor of basic fairness for gay people. Indeed, back in '78 this was a major focus for me, but it was clear we had to build the sort of structures to reinforce our Capitol Hill efforts. Recently, we've created GRNL's Lobbying Team, which is made up of experienced, Washington-based people, to provide broader direct lobbying on Capitol Hill.

In addition, GRNL's Field Program provides a way to generate pro-gay grassroots constituent pressure on Congress. GRNL's Field operations are handled by one Field Director in Washington, one Western Regional Director, and a Mid-West Regional Director. But this program remains too large for only two or three people. The volunteer Field Associates are very effective and dedicated, yet cannot provide the same service as full-time, paid staff.

Realizing that direct lobbying and constituent pressures are not enough, I founded the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national Political Action Committee, to raise money for contribution to Congressional campaigns. There is no doubt that actions by HRCF have the effect of increasing the

support in Congress for lesbian and gay issues.

The number of issues the community has demanded GRNL deal with has increased dramatically. While some of the structures to assist these issues have been put in place, they are complex and require considerable attention. The support of the gay and lesbian community has been heartening and has allowed both staffs to expand. But, frankly, support hasn't expanded at nearly the rate necessary to keep up with our community's Congressional agenda, nor sufficiently to nurture the essential structures that will help decide the outcome of these issues in Congress.

What can be done to work toward a balance between expectations and output?

Utilize volunteers? That's being done, both in GRNL's national network of Field Associates and in its Capitol Hill Lobbying Team. The Campaign Fund has made incredible use of volunteers through its network of dedicated City Committees.

Limit our focus? Clearly that would be a logical suggestion in the context of movement organizations that have diverse, undefined agendas. Such does not apply here, however. The Campaign Fund's purpose is clear: to raise funds to help federal candidates. And, despite the expanded Congressional agenda, GRNL attempts to manage our efforts by clearly defined goals and objectives, approved by the GRNL Board of Directors each year.

When I look at the staff people of both groups I see dedicated individuals who work extraordinarily hard, facing both immediate challenges and building the critical groundwork for future victories. These people, as well as my self, live with both a deep sense of responsibility for the progress of our movement and constant frustration in seeing opportunities which go unfulfilled because of lack of staff time.

How do we — as a community — deal with these problems?

First, we must increase the size of these staffs. Additional funds *must* be raised. This is particularly true if we're to hire — and keep — the best people to do the job the community needs done. While the Boards have, to some degree, done fundraising in the past, their responsibility in that area must increase. However, if we are to ensure input from grassroots gay and lesbian America — including people of color and other minorities within our community — we must not make

up our Boards solely of fundraisers. We need balance.

It isn't the task of Boards alone to raise the necessary funds. Each of us must do our part. Only a tiny number of lesbians and gay men contribute to GRNL, the Campaign Fund or NGTF, our community's three major national political groups.

We need something else from you as well. Calls for "accountability" from organizations serving the community are appropriate and I encourage them. What we need from you is for you to distinguish between "accountability" and "perfection". Even with increased staff (which is unlikely to appear overnight), mistakes will be made from time to time. Our community is growing and developing too quickly and related events happening too fast to proceed flawlessly.

It is easy to find things to criticize, and I realize criticism will come. It is welcome when legitimate, appropriate, and constructive. Unfortunately, often it is petty, destructive, and counter-productive. Second-guessing is easy. Such can bleed us of energy and time, and divert our focus from

the real work.

As I look at what has been accomplished, and what must be done to take advantage of new opportunities for advancement, it is clear to me each of us must work for growth. I, and those I work with, can't rest on past accomplishments. We must learn new and better techniques to accomplish our tasks, and be willing to bring in others to supplement and complement our skills. For the community, the willingness to expand financial support to match the increasing tasks we face is essential. And on an individual basis there must be a willingness to increase personal involvement in this effort.

We must all demand the best. We must stop demanding immediate perfection and start supporting steady advancement. In our demands we must show patience and an understanding that the national battle for our rights will be long, complex and ever changing. It is ours to win, but to do so we must work together to overcome problems as they arise. In that way alone will we achieve success.★

National Gay Archives Launch Fund Drive To Make Collection More Accessible

The National Gay Archives and Natalie Barney/Edward Carpenter Library has begun a fund drive with an initial goal of \$9000 to begin the task of preparing a card catalogue of the collection.

The NGA Board of Directors announced the drive to coincide with Lesbian/Gay Pride Month. They are seeking tax-deductible donations from people interested in the preservation and availability of gay and lesbian history.

The National Gay Archives and Natalie Barney/Edward Carpenter Library, located at 1654 N. Hudson Ave. in Los Angeles, houses the world's largest and best public access collection of gay and lesbian history. It includes material on religion, psychology, law, literature, and the flowering of gay culture.

The collection also concerns itself with other minority perspectives: ethnic, religious, political, radical and reform groups, and social change movements of all sorts.

People wishing to contribute to this

project may send tax-deductible donations to Barney/Carpenter Library, 1654 N. Hudson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028.★

Cranston Salutes Freedom Festivities

Editor:

I'm pleased to send my warm greetings to all during Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week.

Lesbians and gays have waged a tireless crusade for human rights in this country. You have waged it well. I've been proud to join you in your fight for equality, your battle to be treated with equity and respect that should be accorded all people. I expect to continue my efforts on your behalf as long as I'm in public office.

With best wishes,

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Sens. Tsongas, Hatch Joust In First Battle Over New ERA

Republican Sen. Orrin G. Hatch and Democratic Sen. Paul E. Tsongas exchanged heated words May 26 at the first Senate hearing in a decade on the Equal Rights Amendment, The Associated Press reported.

Hatch, a Utah conservative opposed to the ERA, asked Tsongas a long list of questions when the liberal Massachusetts Democrat appeared before Hatch's Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution. Tsongas is chief sponsor of the ERA.

After opening statements by subcommittee members and one by Tsongas, Hatch began firing questions at Tsongas, who replied to many of them: "That issue will be decided in the courts."

Hatch's questions dealt with legislative intent and what changes in the law will be required by the amendment. Among the things Hatch wanted to know are if the ERA would require women to register for the draft and go into combat. He also asked if the ERA

would permit homosexual marriages and allow men to take maternity leave.

"These are all important questions," Hatch said. "We should resolve as many of them as possible in the Congress. We can't leave them for the courts."

Tsongas said several times: "What you are trying to say is that there are a whole host of ambiguous questions that will go to court to be resolved. Name me one constitutional question that wasn't tested in court."

The proposed amendment, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, was passed by Congress in 1972 with a seven-year deadline for three-fourths of the state legislatures to ratify it.

Congress later extended the ratification deadline to June 30, 1982, but time ran out with ratification by only 35 states, three short of the number needed.

The current amendment has been sponsored by 57 senators and 239 House members.★

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munity/Convention Center. More information about the potluck is available at 988-6559 or 726-0254. Information about the forum is available at 447-1065 or 444-9939.

Lesbians Over 35 will present its Fourth Annual Summer Fantasy Dance at the Fruitridge Community Center from 8 p.m. until midnight. There will be a \$5 donation at the door.

Prior to the parade on Saturday, the first Sacramento Women's Building will be dedicated. The building, located at 2224 J Street, houses Lioness Books, Women's Employment Services and Training, Sacramento Rape Crises Center and Women Changing Directions.

The celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with an art show featured all day. The dedication ceremony will start at 2 p.m. and include Kate Guzman, with a herstory of the center and presentations by City Councilor Anne Rudin and County Supervisor Illa Collin.

Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week was officially recognized by the Mayor's Office when Mayor R. Burnett Miller issued a proclamation that June 11-18, 1983, is Lesbian and Gay Freedom Week in the city, and June 18 is "Coming Out '83" Day, in recognition of the week's theme.

City Councilor Dave Shore, who represents much of Lavender Heights, presented the proclamation to Norv Giles, president of the River City Business Association, at RCBA's June 13 meeting. The Freedom Week Committee operates with RCBA as its fiscal trustee.★

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Bring In Summer With The Star

A community potluck celebrating the longest day of the year and the first anniversary of The Sacramento Star will be held in McKinley Park on Tuesday evening, June 21.

Readers of The Star, members of the lesbian and gay community, their families and friends are invited to begin gathering for the Star Summer Solstice Soiree at 5:30 p.m. in the open space between the duck pond and the rose garden. Bring a blanket to sit on, and your own plates, utensils, and napkins.

Eating will begin at 6:30 p.m., with juice and iced tea provided by The Star. Please bring food for yourself and to share, and any other beverage you may want. Traditionally, some food eaten at the solstice celebration should have been touched by fire; if you want to barbecue, bring your own equipment.

People are encouraged to dress colorfully and festively, and to bring and wear flowers. Entertainment will happen informally; we invite people who play musical instruments to bring them and share in the entertainment. Face painting will also be available.

Around 8 p.m., for those interested, Mother Krona will lead a ritual celebra-

tion of the solstice according to the Old Tradition. There will be fire leaping, ring dancing, and an open circle.

Participants may wish to bring a small object symbolic of change and renewal in their lives, to throw into the fire to be consumed and transformed. Leaping over the fire symbolizes purification and rebirth; the higher one leaps, the more productive and fruitful the coming season is supposed to be.

Traditionally, the Summer Solstice is a time of planting and celebrating renewed life. The plantings and endeavors of the previous season are consumed and transformed in fire, and new crops and endeavors are begun with hopes, prayers, and blessings for fertility and success.

In a sense this celebration is a first birthday party for The Star. We invite you to celebrate with us; it is a way of thanking you for making our first year a success. Hence, it is your presence, instead of your presents, that is important to us.

For more information about the celebration and/or The Sacramento Star, call 452-1476.

Senate Committee Approves Bill To Protect Rape Victims

A bill that will allow victims of rape and other sex crimes to have their names withheld from the public has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The measure, Senate Bill 948 by Senator Ed Royce (R-Orange County) provides that law enforcement agencies may withhold the name of rape and other sex crime victims if the victim so requests.

"The victims of sex crimes are often fearful of reporting the crime against them if they believe that their name will show up in the morning paper the next day," stated Royce. "The sex crime victim is an especially vulnerable type of victim who deserves the special treatment provided in this bill. It will assist law enforcement and rape crisis counselors in doing their job and provide

some balance to a system which often withholds the names of accused criminals, but not their victims.

"Under current law, law enforcement agencies may withhold the name of a victim if disclosure would endanger the safety of a witness or other person or if it would endanger the successful completion of the investigation," said Royce.

Royce noted that a recent article in the **Sacramento Bee** named two rape victims and, in the same article, stated that the accused rapist's name was withheld by the law enforcement agency.

"I realize that this may not happen everyday, but it's happening only once is too often for the victim," Royce said. "And the damage that is done to the work of the rape crisis centers is irrevocable."★

Workshop On Workplace Smoking Policy

The American Lung Association of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails will hold a workshop on "How to Develop a Smoking Policy For Your Workplace" in the American Lung Association conference room, 909 12th Street, on Tuesday, June 28 at 5 p.m.

"The new San Francisco smoking ordinance emphasizes the public demand for protection against breathing second-hand smoke at work," says American Lung Association Board Member Jack Johnston. "You can leave a sporting event or a restaurant, but you have to stay at your work

station. That's why having a workplace policy is vital to your health."

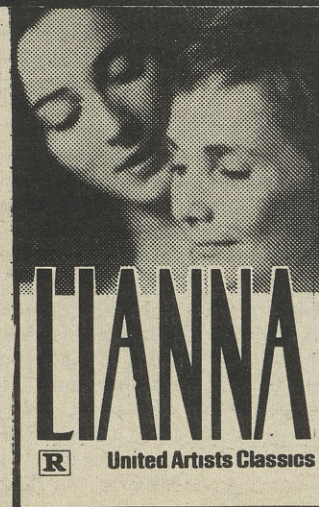
Topics to be discussed will include effects of secondhand smoke and non-smokers' rights, ventilation systems, policy formation strategy and sample policies, legal considerations and the potential cost to employers who fail to establish smoking policies.

The two-hour program will be open to the general public at no charge. Interested individuals are required to register by calling 444-LUNG by Friday, June 24.★

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Dennis Altman: Gay Studies And T

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Dennis Altman, the Australian sociologist and political scientist who is probably the gay movement's foremost international analyst and theoretician, spent the spring academic quarter as Regents' Lecturer at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

David Thomas, Professor of Politics in Stevenson College, UCSC, is the man responsible for bringing Altman to Santa Cruz. Thomas, who has been teaching at UCSC for 17 years—almost since the campus was founded—has also offered a seminar on the politics of gay liberation for the past three years. Thomas is one of the very few openly gay faculty at UCSC.

Altman came to international prominence in the early 70s with the publication of his first book, *Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation*. It remains one of the essential books on the gay movement, both from historical and from theoretical points of view.

During the 70s, Altman lived and taught in Australia, the US, France, and England, and wrote essays and reviews for many leading gay publications, including *The Body Politic* and *Christopher Street*. Many of these essays are collected in his book *Coming Out in the Seventies*.

Last year, Altman published a new, major re-examination of the gay movement, focussing particularly on the US. *The Homosexualization of America, the Americanization of the Homosexual* articulates the principal issues and concerns regarding gay men and lesbians in contemporary society—liberation, the redefinition of the family, consumer capitalism, institutionalized homophobia, and more.

The principal function of a Regents' Lecturer is to deliver a major lecture in his or her area of expertise. Altman gave his lecture, entitled "The Making of a Gay Nation: From a Psychological Untruth to a Sociological Truth," on May 16, two days after I talked to him and David Thomas in Santa Cruz. Sheldon Andelson, the only openly-gay Regent of the University of California, spent the day on the UCSC campus, talking with student leaders, faculty, and administration, and in-

troduced Altman at his lecture in the evening.

As Dennis Altman told me in our interview, "Regents' Lecturers aren't normally expected to teach a course." But he and David Thomas taught a very successful course, through the Board of Studies in Politics, called *Sexual Politics: Lesbian and Gay Liberation*. It attracted about 35 students, both gay and non-gay, women and men.

According to Thomas, seven students enrolled secretly in the course. "That is, I carry them as independent study stu-



Dennis Altman, Regents Lecturer

dents under some innocuous title. Of course it would never occur to a lot of people who aren't gay, but it's a regular feature of a gay course. You've got students who very much want to take it, but don't want it on their record."

In our conversation, Thomas and Altman talked a great deal about the course, which they rightfully regard as a historic step on the somewhat tortuous path of gay studies.

In January, they met for a day in Los Angeles to plan the course as Altman was passing through on his way to Australia. "We went to A Different Light [LA's ma-

jor gay/lesbian bookstore] and looked at all the books and decided which ones we wanted to use in the course," Thomas said.

He and his research assistants also compiled a reader, "with classic articles on lesbian/gay history, political controversies, and the like."

"We also have a number of very interesting visitors," Thomas went on, "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Peg Cruikshank, Gayle Rubin, and Lillian Faderman. We felt it was very important to have lesbian visitors, since obviously we are not lesbians."

According to Altman, women made up about 40 percent of the students in the course. Thomas said that this reflects a "very strong lesbian community in Santa Cruz. Certainly in terms of organization they're stronger than the gay male community."

On the campus, too, Thomas said, "there is a strong women's studies program, which of course is not exclusively lesbian, but there are specifically lesbian-oriented courses in women's studies. And the Women's Studies Committee has approved this course for its own course credits."

When I asked if he found teaching the course agreeable, Altman replied, "I find it much more difficult to teach something like this than to teach conventional poli-

"The extent to which straight academics have yet to take seriously at all any of the issues the gay movement's raised is quite appalling. Sexuality is still a dirty word."

"If you do a course like this it has to be academically valid and it has to make the same sorts of intellectual and theoretical demands that any other course would. On the other hand, lots of students would take a course like this, whatever they may say, for some sort of self-validation and to come to terms with their sexuality and all those sorts of things. And there is some sort of tension between those two."

He went on to mention something that came up again as a major point in our conversation. "I find that the students are, on the whole, less aware of things, have read much less, and are less assertive than I had expected."

However, he said, "I've learned a lot teaching the course, and I've become converted to the idea of gay studies, which is something I'd always been skeptical about." This, too, became a major focus of our discussion.

"Almost everybody," Altman said, seems to assume "that when you have courses dealing with lesbian and gay topics, only gay students are going to take them."

"That's an appalling intellectual assumption that the gay movement keeps on making, in fact, much more than the straights. We accept totally this idea that a gay book is only going to be read by gay people, and that a gay movement is only of interest to and has its effect only on gay people."

"Now if you think about it, nobody in the United States assumes that Philip Roth should be read only by Jews or that Alice Walker should be read only by black women. I think we gay people are selling ourselves short."

"I'd like," he said, "to see these sorts of courses develop in other areas. I'd like to see it become accepted that this is something that all sorts of people

would take."

Altman feels that non-gay students in gay studies courses must be made to feel comfortable and unpressured, something that can be difficult to balance with gay students' need for the validation that comes from an openly-gay academic environment.

The problem with special studies, he said, is "they can so easily degenerate into Mickey Mouse courses in which no-

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'Frontline' Dramatizes Paradox Of Persecution For Loving Each Other And Serving Country

Reviewed by JUDITH WESSEL

The play "Frontline" by Pam Schaffer opened June 3 at the 24th Street Theatre and was performed on Friday and Saturday nights through June 11. It deals with lesbians or women "suspected" of being lesbians in the military.

The conditions under which these women were to uphold their integrity as women serving in the military because they were good Americans and loved their country were insensitive and demoralizing.

Once these women were suspected of being lesbians they were locked in a room under guard. Their mail was opened and read, they were harassed, and they were turned against each other.

In one incident Lt. Norton, played by Magdalena Smith, attempted to manipulate Gail Moreno, played by Heather Lynne, to sign a confession by instilling fear and anger in her. The lieutenant yelled at Moreno, trying to intimidate her, telling her that her parents would be informed that she was a lesbian, and that one of her friends had already signed a confession.

When Moreno refused, she was taken away for four days. When she was returned to

the room she confessed to her friends that she had been given shock treatment. Moreno was told by Lt. Norton that she was sick and needed help and that she could perhaps become "normal" again. The lieutenant herself was gay.

Confusion, denial, and guilt prevailed in Moreno's character. The reality that she was a lesbian was too overwhelming for her. She declared her relationship with her lover, Elli Miller, played by Ellen Schwartz, as "situational."

After these women had undergone psychiatric treatment, had been persecuted and exploited, there seemed to be only three alternatives: strength to love each other, submission, or suicide.

The play was well acted except for those few times when the lines delivered a feeling of uncertainty. The writing, by Pam Schaffer, was outstanding. The timing was well spaced for the overlapping dialogue that brought out the pathos and humor simultaneously.

For example, in one scene, Moreno and Miller are sitting on a bed near the front of the stage discussing their relationship, while two other women are sitting on the floor in the background, drinking whiskey and engaged in a meaningless discussion while entering

the first stages of inebriation.

A short film at the beginning of the play designed to set the mood, should have been eliminated entirely. The film was too long, out of focus, and off the screen, or maybe I was just irritated because it started half an hour late.

The changes of costumes between the scenes were also too long and broke up the continuity, which may have contributed to the play's seeming a little drawn out. The dialogue worked well up to a point near the end when it became too didactic.

The setting of the four women under guard in one room felt more like a jail cell rather than a room provided by the military. Indeed they were trapped, frightened, and confused. At one moment, they were saying things like "They're going to kill us." Then in the next moment they were discussing freedom as though trying to make sense of a situation that victimized them.

Every scene dramatized the incomprehensible irrationality of being held captive for loving each other and wanting to serve their country. As Miller sat on the edge of her bed, facing the audience, she said, "You are only free until you become a threat."

Castro To Castro Bike Rides Will Benefit AIDS/KS

On the week-end of August 20, coinciding with San Francisco's annual Castro Street Fair, a dual benefit bicycle event in the Sacramento-San Francisco area will raise funds for the Sacramento and San Francisco chapters of the AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation.

Two simultaneous bicycle rides will be held in the Sacramento community to benefit the Sacramento chapter of the AIDS/KS Foundation and to promote community support for the San Francisco AIDS/KS Foundation.

On Saturday, August 20 a local ride will start at 6 a.m. from the Sierra II Center at 24th St. and Castro Way in Sacramento. Participants will travel from Sierra II Center to downtown and then onto the American River Bikeway. The riders will travel eastward to Goethe Park or to a point of their choice and return to the Sierra Center for a picnic. The distance travelled will be measured with a trip odometer.

At the same time the local ride starts, a two-day Castro-to-Castro, Sacramento-to-San Francisco ride will commence, also from the Sierra II Center. Local riders will travel west up L St. and Capitol Mall to the Yolo Bypass Bikeway to Davis. The route will continue westward from Davis via Putah

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body dares be critical or deal with things that are controversial. This is part of my problem with the whole California ethos, I suppose—they just sort of become like some gigantic intellectual hot tub."

I asked if many students had taken the course because of Altman's fame as a scholar and author.

David Thomas answered that he'd

"Nobody in the United States assumes that Philip Roth should be read only by Jews or that Alice Walker should be read only by black women. I think we gay people are selling ourselves short."

done a good deal of advertising about the course and the lecture. "The fact is, Dennis was not as well known as he should have been. The students have not read a great deal, particularly in the political area."

Altman commented, "I don't think it's essential that everyone's read my books. There's a bigger point, which is that of course gay people don't know this because on the whole they're not told about gay literature by the media other than the specifically gay media. And in fact even the gay media, especially on the level of bar papers and that sort of thing, isn't all that good at talking about gay writing. But in a society in which the mainstream media systematically ignores gay and lesbian writing, it's hardly surprising that most people don't know about it."

What appalls him, he said, is not that the "average sort of person in a bar" is unaware of gay writing, "but when I discover that so many of our so-called gay leaders have read nothing and have thought about nothing. They know about how to raise money and they know about how to promote themselves, and that's it. And that bothers me."

"I suppose that one of the good things about having these sorts of courses is that perhaps we're reaching some of the people who are the future gay leaders."

A question about the title and contents of Altman's lecture led us back into a discussion of the pros and cons of gay

studies.

"The title is so long," Altman said, "that once you've read the title, you can almost go away. 'The Making of a Gay Nation' is a short title; then 'From a Psychological Untruth to a Sociological Truth' is meant to tempt people to come."

"I hadn't thought of this, but a student said to me, 'I think the clinical psy-

chologists will come to hear it because they'll think you're going to pour shit on them.' Which of course I'm not going to do, but I do like that reading of the title."

Basically, he said, the lecture dealt with the themes he discussed in *The Homosexualization of America*. "I'm also going to say something rather specific about gay studies and why I think gay studies is important and has a place in the university, because it seems to me that this is an appropriate forum in which to raise that issue."

It seems that Altman's mere presence at UCSC has already raised the issue of the place of gay studies in the university. According to Thomas, "This issue is now absolutely here to stay on this campus."

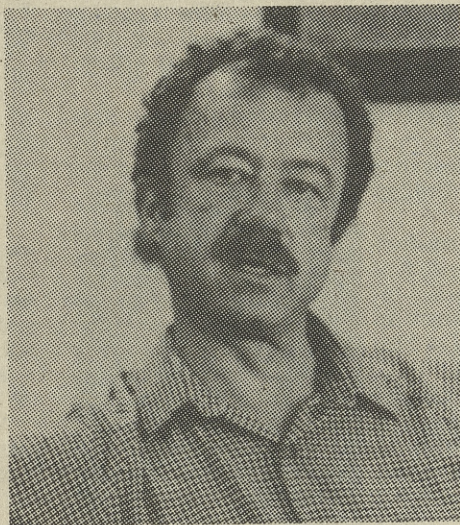
Altman remarked that "One of the most interesting things about being at Santa Cruz is the way in which various faculty around here do want to talk about gay themes, too. Now, I'm not talking about closeted gay faculty. What I find really interesting is when people, who as far as I know are not at all gay, are not thinking of it in personal terms, but do sort of recognize that something is going on that they ought to know about."

"I'm pretty impressed by the level of awareness about gay things among pretty straight conventional faculty around this college. The extent to which straight academics have yet to take seriously at all any of the issues the gay movement's

raised is quite appalling. Sexuality is still a dirty word."

"So I'm very impressed when a professor of community studies, for example, whose interest is in labor, comes to a seminar and actually tries to work out what he thinks about it. If my being here raises those sorts of questions, then I think it's tremendously important."

Since Altman had said that his cur-



David Thomas, Professor of Politics

rent support for gay studies was a reversal of his previous position, I asked him to talk about why he had changed his mind.

"I've always been worried," he replied, "by the tendency with ethnic studies, women's studies, gay studies, that

"The reason I've swung around is that I've seen that gay studies is a very effective way of making other disciplines and people right across the university take seriously what we're talking about."

they do ghettoize. It's sort of like a little reservation: the administration sort of pats a few people on the head and says, 'OK, you can have your little course over there, as long as it doesn't affect the rest of us.'

"And this is particularly dangerous in the case of gay studies, because after all, most people who are homosexual on campus—we are basically dealing with people who are still figuring out their sexual identities—are not necessarily going to want to enroll in an openly gay studies course."

"So I think that gay studies could not only ghettoize us off, but could actually exclude a lot of people who aren't at a stage where they feel comfortable identifying, which is one of the reasons I feel so strongly one must constantly stress this is a universal issue and not only gay students should take these courses. It's got to get into other courses."

He continued, "The reason I've swung around is that I've seen that it is a very effective way of making other disciplines and people right across the university take seriously what we're talking about. I now see that it is a very important intellectual device for a whole range of issues getting into the academic agenda; therefore, of course, often reaching precisely those very unsure, closeted, scared students. If some of these other faculty members come out and start talking about gay issues in their areas and their disciplines, this really becomes important."

During the interview, Dennis Altman remarked that a student had recently told him that "students get a great deal of pride out of just having teachers who are openly gay and who do academic work in gay areas."

This is true, of course, and all the

more so when the teachers are scholars as dedicated and perceptive, and human beings as warm and engaging, as Dennis Altman and David Thomas. We can all take pride in their work and accomplishments, and in knowing others like them.★

Connelly Offers Chance To Shadow Him, See Legislative Process First Hand

Assemblyman Lloyd G. Connelly (D-Sacramento) has announced a program to give interested residents of the Sixth Assembly District a chance to see the legislative process first-hand by spending a full day "shadowing" the Assemblyman.

The only requirement is that interested persons plan to spend the entire day with Assemblyman Connelly, whose work day sometimes lasts from 7 a.m. until late in the evening. Activities will include attending

legislative hearings, floor sessions, meeting with lobbyists, and various scheduled commitments throughout the day.

"The most effective way to understand what an elected official does and how representation works is to be a part of it, to see it first-hand," stated the Assemblyman.

Interested community members should contact the Assemblyman's office at 445-2484 for further information.★

New AIDS Leads

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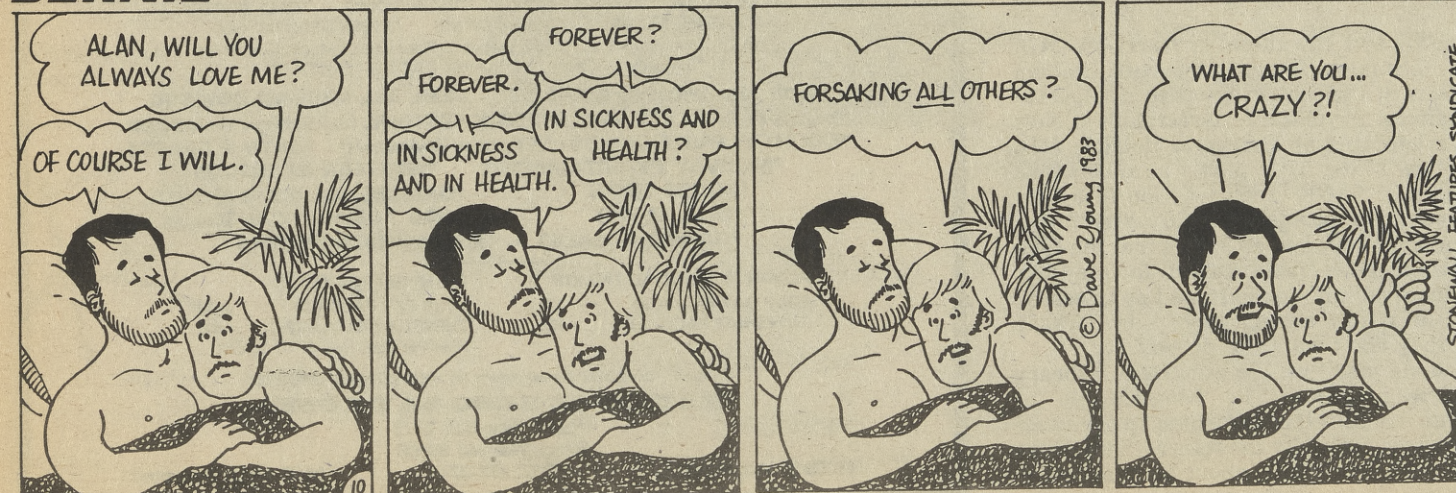
has no AIDS cases, and in the Caribbean, which is suspected of being a prime breeding ground for the syndrome.

The doctors raised the possibility that the HTLV infection may occur after AIDS has broken down the patient's resistance, and would therefore be an effect, and not a cause. There is also the multi-agent theory, which posits a combination of several viruses attacking the immune system in concert, and gradually breaking it down. HTLV would

then take its place with Epstein-Barr, Cytomegalovirus, and other viruses as possible villains.

Neither of the two new theories has advanced beyond the preliminary investigation stage, and the conclusions they draw are as murky as they are tantalizing. The first rank of researchers continues to investigate the viral theories as being the most promising. There's a sense that a breakthrough could be imminent, although, of course, no one can predict where or when.★

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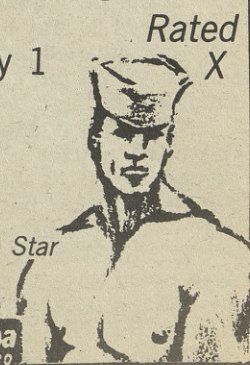


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Grand Opening

By RICK VAN DYKE

The AIDS/KS Foundation will hold an open house on Friday, June 17, at their new office, 2115 J Street, Suite 3. Join them from 5 to 7 p.m. for a snack and a drink, and while you're there, see what you can contribute to their important work.

Women over 21 should not miss the Fourth Annual Summer Fantasy Dance for Women, sponsored by Lesbians Over 35, on Friday, June 17, at Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Road, from 8 p.m. till 12:30 a.m. Music will be by Filly, with a special guest appearance by the Treblemakers. Tickets are \$5.

A postal-pool party in support of AB1, the gay employment rights bill, is also scheduled for June 17. Sponsored by the AB1 Committee and the NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, it's a letter-writing-to-legislators party in support of AB1. The event will also feature swimming and refreshments. It's at 6:30 p.m. at 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael. Call 965-6851 or 786-5727 for info and directions.

Our Community United sponsors its first community forum, "Coming Out-Myths and Realities," on Friday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacramento Room of the Convention Center. It's supposed to be "the most extensive presentation of these issues ever presented in California." Call Larry Dunlap at 447-1065 or Phil Hoskins at 444-9939 for more info.

Sacramento's fifth annual Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week ends Saturday, June 18 with a parade followed by a street dance. Assemble for the parade at 5:30 p.m. on 20th St. between I and J. At 6:30 the parade will march up H St. to 26th, over to Capitol Ave., and back down to 20th for a short rally and the dance between K and L.

Lioness Books and the Sacramento Women's Center will celebrate the Grand Opening of the new women's building at 2224 J Street on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. till 11 p.m. It features comedy by Ruth Flenoy and Cocoa Butter, readings by novelist Ann Bannon, singing by Judy Fjell and the Madrigals, and poetry by Shaila Rao, Emily Wright, and Sheila Medina. Kate Guzman will offer a herstory of the Sacramento Women's Center, and City Councilor Anne Rudin and County Supervisor Ila Collin will be on hand for the dedication ceremonies. A women's art show will go on all day, and the festivities conclude with a sock hop from 8-11 p.m. Be there or be square!

Bring yourself, your friends and families, food to eat and share, and join The Star and Mother Krona for the Sacramento Star Summer Solstice Soiree Tuesday, June 21, in McKinley Park. Gather in the open area between the duck pond and the Rose Garden starting at 5:30 p.m. Eating will start about 6:30. We'll have juice and iced tea, entertainment, and for those who would like to celebrate in the Old Way, a ritual with an open circle, fire leaping, and a ring dance will start about 8.

The NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force is trying to raise \$250 to buy "Women Loving Women," a slide/tape presentation to use in consciousness-raising efforts. June Ruckman, task force chair, says they will welcome checks made out to the task force and sent to Sacramento NOW, P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento 95807.

The Second National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Aging is set for Friday-Saturday, June 24-25, at SF State University. Over 100 people, including some of the pioneers of the lesbian/gay movement, will share their expertise and experience in over 35 sessions, and film and video presentations will focus on themes of aging and inter-generational issues. Call or write the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology, (415) 552-3054, 1290 Sutter St., San Francisco 94109.

Persona Press will host a book party for *Reunion* by N.A. Diaman on Saturday, June 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market St., between Castro and Noe, in San Francisco.

Organizers of the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco are predicting that as many as half a million men and women will flock to The City Sunday, June 26 for the annual celebration and commemoration of the Stonewall riots that began the contemporary gay liberation movement. The parade begins about 10 a.m. and marches up Market Street to United Nations Plaza in front of City Hall for a rally and street fair. It's the largest, gayest celebration in the world, and there's nothing like experiencing it for the first time—or for the tenth time!

The Stanislaus Owl Empire promises a "fun-filled evening of dancing" at its Yankee Doodle Sweetheart Ball from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at the Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto. Half the proceeds will be donated to benefit the fight against Kaposi's Sarcoma. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6.50 at the door. For information or reservations, call (209) 521-0226 or (209) 521-9102, or write Stanislaus Owl Empire, P.O. Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

"Lesbians and Gay Men in Fiction" will be the topic for the July 5 meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Star editor James Graham will speak and lead the discussion. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 255 of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave.

The third annual U.S. Openly Gay Tennis Tournament was held Memorial Day weekend in Golden Gate Park. CSUS men's tennis team assistant coach Treven Dunning, for the third year the only Sacramento player, unfortunately lost in the second round of singles play. He and doubles partner Marco Ruiz of Chula Vista lost in the doubles final 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Sacramentans Phyllis A. Kaufman, ACSW, and Elizabeth A. Harrison, MD, presented a paper entitled "Distancing for Intimacy: Intervention with Lesbian Couples," during a symposium on "Innovations in Psychotherapy with Homosexuals" at the 136th annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in New York, April 30-May 6. The symposium was moderated by Emery S. Hetrick, MD, who was inducted as the first openly gay Fellow of the APA, partly because of his service within the gay community, as founder of SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) and the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth.

No comment: the Marysville Appeal-Democrat reported on June 4 that the Live Oak City Council declined a request from State Senator David Roberti to vote their support for SB910, the AIDS research and education bill. Councilman Leo Chesney, complaining that the disease has appeared primarily among gays, said, "These gays can stop making love to each other if they don't want the disease."

The Ku Klux Klan is opening a "full scale war" on the American Library Association, says a report in American Libraries magazine. The "King Kleagle" of the Indiana KKK called the ALA "a sodomite organization dedicated to the overthrow of the U.S." This hysterical outburst was prompted by the refusal of the Niles (Michigan) Community Library Board to remove four books about homosexuality from the library. *



Rick Van Dyke

San Francisco Plans AIDS Awareness For Parade Visitors

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, expressed concern recently that some of the gay men coming to the city for the annual gay freedom celebrations could carry AIDS home with them unless they're educated on how to prevent it, according to an Associated Press report.

But Dr. Marcus Conant, co-director of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Clinic at the University of California, San Francisco, said, "People coming to San Francisco to attend a parade or go to restaurants should have no fear they're going to acquire AIDS. There's no evidence whatsoever that this is transmitted in any way other than by intimate sexual contact or by blood transfusions."

"It may not even be necessarily that it is San Franciscans that are more or less infected," Silverman said. "It may be that the opportunities for exposure are here."

Only New York City has more confirmed cases of AIDS than San Francisco.

Silverman said his office would be seeking ways to educate visiting gays about the problem and said he hopes gay organizations will do the same.

Konstantin Berlandt, co-chair for the June 26 Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day parade, said, "We're hoping for half a million (participants). We had a third of a million last year."

Berlandt said the program for the parade will include a page with tips about reducing the risk of AIDS. But he said he's worried that the AIDS scare is being used as a weapon against gays.

"I'm concerned about the underlying message in the warnings," he said. "That it's a danger about people getting together at all."

Conant said he hadn't heard any concerns about Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day visitors catching AIDS.

However, he said, "The disease is present here and people should be aware that the way to avoid it is to avoid multiple sexual partners and anonymous partners."

Silverman said he'd had two or three letters suggesting that during the parade weekend he order closure of the city's gay

bathhouses. But he indicated he's not likely to do so.

"The problem is not in the bathhouses themselves, but what is done in the bathhouses. And what is done in the bathhouses can be done anywhere if there is that interest," Silverman said.

More than 1 million gay tourists visit San Francisco each year, according to Craig Seybold of Mark Tours. "We figure about a third of the visitors to San Francisco every year are gay." *

State Senate Passes Roberti's AIDS Research Bill

The State Senate passed without dissent on June 2 a bill by Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti that sets up a commission to focus public attention of AIDS.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome "is a national emergency," said Roberti (D-Hollywood). This bill will help educate the public to the risks involved in the disease and will also help clear up popular misconceptions about the syndrome.

Over 200 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in California.

The bill would create a research and grants workshop in the State Department of Health. Notable California scientists would attract grant money to pursue research into the mysterious killer.

SB 910 is supported by the American Cancer Society, the Health Officers Association of California, the Citizens Advisory Council of the State Department of Mental Health and numerous other individuals and organizations.

The \$500,000 originally contained in Senate Bill 910 has been amended out of the bill and was put into the Department of Health Services budget by the Senate Finance Committee's Subcommittee #3.

That money will implement the program contained in SB 910. *



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House Passes \$12 Million AIDS Funding Increase For '83

On May 25 the House of Representatives unanimously passed a \$12 million funding increase for research on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in fiscal year (FY) 1983.

On May 26 the Senate Appropriations Committee passed an almost identical \$12 million AIDS supplemental appropriation. Key Senate staff members predict the \$12 million proposal will pass the full Senate this month.

The funding increase, if approved, will nearly double the federal government's 1983 budget for AIDS research. The AIDS Project, an affiliate of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), its constituent organizers, and allied groups, were instrumental in persuading Congress to finally act on a major AIDS research funding proposal.

In the House, Representatives Joseph Addabbo (D-NY), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Julian Dixon (D-CA), Bill Green (R-NY), Mike Lowry (D-WA), Edward Roybal (D-CA), Henry Waxman (D-CA), Ted Weiss (D-NY), and Sidney Yates (D-IL) all helped lead the campaign for AIDS research money. Health

Appropriations Subcommittee Chair William Natcher (D-KY) and Ranking Minority Member Silvio Conte (R-MA) offered the \$12 million proposal, ensuring its passage.

"This was a tremendous victory for Gay Rights National Lobby," said Rep. Bill Green, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and one of the leaders of the AIDS funding battle in Congress. "It's a credit to GRNL's professionalism and effectiveness that this was the only amendment attached to the health portion of the Bill which was not requested by the Administration."

In the Senate, Lowell Weicker (R-CT) and Daniel Moynihan (D-NY) have led the AIDS research funding battle. Valuable support has also come from Senators Lawton Chiles (D-FL), Alan Cranston (D-CA), Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), and Paul Tsongas (D-MA).

Before the House and Senate votes, The AIDS Project worked closely with the American Public Health Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the City of New

York, the New York AIDS Network, and other groups to directly lobby key members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. These groups, along with The AIDS Project, also organized a major constituent letter and phoning campaign.

The AIDS Project staff provided critical information to key appropriations committee

staff members in the House and Senate. The AIDS Project also passed along information to ABC's 20/20, National Public Radio, the Washington Post, and other non-gay and gay media organizations. Press coverage highly critical of Congress' response to AIDS was credited with influencing the \$12 million House vote.★

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Creek Road to Napa. Via Soscol Avenue, the ride will proceed past Sonoma to Petaluma, then turn southward to pass through the towns of Woodacre, Fairfax, Mill Valley, and Sausalito. The riders will stay overnight in a town of their choice.

The ride will finish Sunday morning, August 21st. Riders will pass over the Golden Gate bridge to Golden Gate Park, ride up Oak Street to Divisadero, and finally arrive at the Castro Street Fair AIDS/KS Foundation Booth. The official mileage will be announced at this point.

Bicyclists on both of these rides will enlist

sponsors on a cents-per-mile basis. Sponsors may choose which AIDS/KS Chapter they wish to support and the ride by which they wish their contributions calculated.

Bicycle riders in the Northern California AIDS/KS chapter areas are invited to gather sponsors and to join on either the one-day local ride or the two-day Castro-to-Castro, Sacramento-to-San Francisco ride.

For more details about either of the two bicycle rides or for information about obtaining pledge cards, contact the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation at 448-AIDS.★

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